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From Brandon to Emerson.

A "Mail" Representative Tells Some of his Experience in Collecting Subscriptions, and Gives his Opinion of a Certain Class of People.

He is a Little Disfigured, but Still in the Ring.

After passing a week among the people scattered along the line of the N. P. R. from Brandon to Emerson, riding on freight trains at all hours of the day and night, walking unmeasurable distances through the country trying to find delinquent subscribers, and freezing himself and straining his vocal organs in trying to arouse a sleepy and drowsy at 4 a. m. with the mercury at 39 below, he has got to thinking that life isn't a pleasant dream, and has put his thoughts on paper.

If there is one man in this world to be pitied more than another it is the man who is unfortunate enough to have his lot cast on the staff of a newspaper, and whose part it is to collect unpaid subscriptions. Anyone who has never been there can have no possible idea of what he has to undergo,—of the amount of insults and abuse that are heaped on his innocent head; of how he has to smile and look pleasant when the heart (which some people think he hasn't got) is ready to collapse and shrink into nothingness, like a toy balloon when you let the gas out of it. Sailing on the vasty deep is a dangerous business. Exploring in unknown countries among savage people; seeking a passage to the North Pole; keeping hotel out west, or being a candidate in an election contest have also their attendant dangers. But the people who embark in these undertakings, being generally of a lamb-like and religious temperament, as a last resource—when the ship has become water-logged or is fast breaking up on a sunken reef; or when taken captive by the cannibalistic savage and about to become converted into mock-turtle soup or boiled missionary on toast; or when the bullets from the guns of the "wild and woolly" cow-boys are flying, thick and fast, in every direction and the courageous dealer in "red liquor" is down behind the bar, making his final preparations for a journey to that land of unalloyed bliss where you can get nothing stronger than pop, and where fire-arms are only toy pistols, or when, almost driven insane by having his past deeds published far and wide, his family history sifted until there is nothing left of it but husks, and his credit sore from the efforts he has made in denying the purports of the numerous "rhubarb" that are sent flying broadcast through the country scandalizing his name—I say, when all this happens, these people, being Christians, can call upon the Lord to deliver them from their troubles; and, in the majority of cases, they come out of the scrimmage right alive.

Not so with the poor newspaper man, however. Who ever heard of a newspaper man calling on the Lord for help when stuck fast in a barbed wire fence with a hungry bulldog making a straight shot for the rear portion of his anatomy and coming nearer with terrible rapidity? or, driven to desperation by an unwilling and unloving contact with the boots of an unfeeling subscriber who is unjust enough to get "small" when asked to pay up his arrears? Some people seem to think that men connected with newspapers are heartless, unfeeling, unprincipled ghouls, and certainly they need to be something of that order; and should also be provided with a vast iron suit of clothes, warranted to withstand the darts of abuse and insolence, kicks, dog bites and back shafts which are fired at him promiscuously by those devils in human form who, when asked to subscribe, always say, "Oh, yes! Send me the paper." But when, after receiving it regularly for a year or two, are asked to pay up, are mean enough to abuse the poor unprincipled collector. These may be divided into several classes. First comes the man who has given his name to an agent, perhaps a year or two back; and, just because there happens to be another man sent out to collect, he will swear by all the gods in heaven that he never ordered the paper, and refuse to pay for it, having, nevertheless, taken it out of the office and used it for perhaps two or three years. Next comes the man who subscribes for the paper and takes it continually for several years. When the collector comes round, he is all smiles and grace, asks all sorts of questions about how the work is done, who is the editor, etc., then looks awfully sorry and says he hasn't got the money, but will send it in in the course of a week. All at once he refuses to receive the paper from the postmaster and wants it stopped, without considering that he is in debt to the publisher. Lastly comes the man who also takes the paper for a number of years, and then, because there happens to be an article published that does not suit his narrow-minded and bigoted views, he says that the paper is no good, not worth the subscription price, and wants to get out of it by paying perhaps half of his arrears, and is keen enough to ask for a clear receipt.

These people are all on the "bad" list, and the "good" list would be the better without them. When only a day or two ago the world was all roses and lilies. Since we have been connected with the newspaper business we have found out different. There are lots of that's-as and thorn bushes; and we have come in contact with lots of them in the course of the last two weeks. On the 19th of December, 1892, we left Brandon, dressed in our best clothes, with a light boot, high socks and a top a shore party. On shore, are these things today? The heart is a crushed and bleed-

ing mass. The high and buoyant spirits have flown away to some unknown country where the climate is warmer and newspaper subscriptions are always paid in advance. The hopes that were making our manly bosom heave in the anticipation of being able to collect enough money to enable the editor to improve the paper and make it more interesting to the people who do pay up, have sunk clean out of sight. And our clothes, which we glanced sideways at our reflection in the plate-glass windows, seemed to look just as if they were tailor-made (We got the creases pressed out when we bought them of the "cravily made" clothier.) are still partly in our possession. The other parts that were not blown to atoms by the shot-gun or pounded into shreds by the boots of our enemy, are in possession of the bull dog, and we sincerely hope they may be the means of satisfying his blood-thirsty appetite or of cooking him to death.

CRUSA.

"Clear Havana Cigars."

"La Cadena" "La Flor" Insist, upon having these brands.

M'AULIFFE-BURGE.

New York, Dec. 29.—There is no end of gossip over the McAuliffe-Burge affair. Rumors of crookedness are flying about, and the sports are wondering where the lightning will strike first. Jim Hall, the stalwart Australian, who is to fight Fitzsimmons in April, arrived in town at eleven o'clock last night, and went direct to the Marlborough hotel. He came especially for the purpose of placing Burge straight before McAuliffe and his friends, as he put it. When B. H. Denton reached Boston yesterday, he was visited by Burge, who thanked him for his efforts to make the match, and informed him that his efforts would be no longer required. Burge proposes to conduct his own affairs now. "Burge is a square fellow," said Hall last night, "but he has been most unfortunate in selecting his advisors. He feels the failure to make the McAuliffe match keenly. McDonald, the trainer, who came over with him, has apparently succeeded in breaking up the match, but by what means is not known. He is said to be in some deal that Burge knows nothing about. It is probably a lucky thing for Burge that they parted. Burge paid McD middle expenses to this country, and when the trainer's weak points were discovered gave him a first-class passage back to England. McDonald could not find fault with that. Over in Boston they know McDonald's career, and say harsh things about him. I have just run over to talk to McAuliffe, and see if the snail cannot be untangled. Burge means business and I believe McAuliffe does. All the crooked work, if there has been any, is confined to the men behind the lights. It will all come out in due season, and I guess it will be discovered that the whole business will be laid at McDonald's door." Judge Newton, when informed by a reporter that Hall had come to town for Burge, said: "I am done with the whole business, and would not have the fight now at any price."

THE IRISHMAN KNOCKED OUT.

COSEY ISLAND, N.Y., Dec. 29.—The fight between Billy Pinner, the champion of the world, and Joe McGrath, 110 pounds, of Ireland, for a \$2,500 purse, of which \$500 goes to the loser, took place last night before the Cosy Island Athletic club. Pinner led things all his own way, and at the end of the eighth round McGrath's seconds threw up the sponge. McGrath was terribly punished and presented a sickening spectacle.

FAKE FIGHT IS NO GO.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—It is now stated that the real reason for the Cosy Island club withdrawing its offer of \$45,000 for a match between Burge and McAuliffe was due to the fact that the fight was to be a fake. Matchmaker Newton heard, it is said, that Burge was to "lay down" to McAuliffe.

FOUGHT A DRAW.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Billy Murphy, of Australia, and Tommy White, of Chicago, met in a finish fight before the Pacific Athletic club last night for a purse of \$1,250. The contest was declared a draw at the end of the 33rd round.

EIGHT TO BE STRANGLERD.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—A court martial in Tashkent has passed sentence on the coolies who, in July, seventy men were tried, eight were sentenced to be strangled, four to lose all civil rights and deprivation to Siberia for life, and thirty-three long terms of imprisonment twenty-five were acquitted. All the men tried among the 5,000 Serfs who rose against the physicians and authorities of Tashkent in the belief that the latter had conspired to kill the poor who were suffering from the epidemic. The Serfs, under the Russian quarter, killed the doctors, burned the hospitals, and set on fire the planned shops, and a great many of their way. The military was called out and fired repeatedly on the coolies before they could disperse. Serfdom was later was later in the 4th.

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Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Perhaps no organization has ever been so successful as well known and so imperiously supported by the general public as the Women's Christian Union. The beautiful story of its origin is hardly less remarkable than the phenomenal growth and development, shown by its subsequent history. Its perseverance, the temperance crusade, that swept its course like a moral cyclone, in a winter of 1872 and 1874, was but the breaking forth of the long pent up agony of a struggling womanhood, a wild heaving cry that seemed to the very vaults above, and brought to surrounding souls the joy of Divine response and immediate deliverance. Brief though it was, it wrought wonders. It taught the lesson, once for all, that the religious element cannot be ignored in works of personal reformation or in the uplifting of a people. Since the time when Lyman Beecher,

in trumpet tones, first called the attention of the American people to the growing dangers of intemperance, total abstinence societies of various kinds and many degraded made successive attempts to show growing intelligence, but the efforts were unproductive, often short-lived, and the results, though valuable, were unsatisfactory. The women then felt the disheartening sense of groping uncertainty for the unobtainable, the anxious what the insuperable defect in their organism might be, and unaware that the finer element that must impart strength and cohesion was lacking. These organizations were of the earth, earthy. The crusade, which has been aptly called a whirlwind of the Lord, infused into the temperance cause the breath of life, and it became a living being. Since then the cause has had both body and soul. The Women's Christian Temperance Union is the sober second thought of the crusade movement, its crystallization in organic form.—Dorcas J. Spencer, in January Californian.

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The Dog-Stealer Assistant of a
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held while the dog is followed
down the street.

For some time past the people living
within a certain radius of the city
have been troubled by a dog-robber.
The dog-robber is a man who goes
about the city in the night, and
steals dogs from the people who
own them. He is a very clever man,
and he is very bold. He has been
stealing dogs for some time, and
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LEO'S GENEROSITY.

The Display of the Vatican Treasures of
Inestimable Value.

The information that the pope would
make an extensive exhibit at the fair,
which was contained in a late cable-
gram from the Vatican, made happy
those who have the welfare of the fair
at heart.

It has been known ever since Judge
T. B. Ryan appeared before the pope
and was so graciously received that
the Vatican would be represented at
the fair. The Vatican would be
represented at the fair.

ITALY AWAKENED.

The former chief of the Italian
army.

At Rome, the representative news-
paper of the Italian army, has
published an article which is
very interesting. It is an article
which is very interesting. It is an
article which is very interesting.

JINRISHA SERVICE.

Three Thousand Dogs Now Their
Caretakers.

Those who looked with such
curiosity upon the two jinrishas, introduced
into Chicago last summer by an
enterprising merchant, and who were
thought to interfere with alien contract
labor, will be interested to learn that
there may be fifteen hundred or per-
haps two thousand of the same ve-
hicles at Jackson park next year.

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County Commissioner Ballard, of San
Francisco, is the possessor of a rare and
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Never been Explored.

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rock which has been known to the
Indians as "the lion's den." It is a
cave, and it is very large. It is a
cave, and it is very large.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1893.

In the Hogg-Free Press controversy, just over, it is apparent to any fair-minded man that the Free Press has the best of it. If the rev. gentleman had confined his declarations of knowledge to what he actually did know, the results might be very different. Any clergyman has a perfect right to discuss the utterances or line of action of any newspaper, religious or secular; but he has no right to attribute motives to anyone on mere supposition, or to suggest a knowledge of ownership when he has none. The rev. gentleman may be right in his denunciation of the utterances of the Free Press, and justified in saying, from a broad provincial standpoint, they are indefensible; but no man can defend him in saying he had knowledge the paper was owned or controlled by the Catholic when he had no such knowledge. It is on this latter count the paper has driven the rev. gentleman into a very small hole indeed.

"Our Great friends," says the Toronto Empire, "claim that the United States market is the best for Canada. But in exchangeable trade returns intervene and show an increase of \$12,000,000 in our exports to Britain and a decrease of \$7,000,000 in our exports to the States during 1892." These "inevitable" trade returns, we are afraid, intervene to very little purpose. The United States may be the best because the natural market for many Canadian products, and no doubt is, in proof of which it is only necessary to point out that the bulk of these products went to the United States in the face of a fairly stiff tariff in preference to Britain, where there was no tariff. But it is possible by legislation to spoil a market, and in this case it was done by the McKillop bill, a measure of protection that put a sudden stop to the sale in that country of Canadian horses, beef, mutton, and many other things. It is, of course, hard to determine if the market here is still the best, as ever, it is the toll in getting there that kills."

Brother Bailey, of the Wawanesa paper, has grown very indignant because the Etevean coal is not cheaper than it is in that burg, and he suggested several steps that should be taken to better that state of things. Like other Grits, however, he fights as shy of the proper step as a cat does of holy water. To our mind the proper course is clear—pass a general provincial censure upon the Greenway government at once, for giving away \$150,000 of the public money for no thing, and securing their last return through fraud. For the payment of \$150,000 they made a contract with the C. P. R., by which the company was to lay down the Etevean coal at certain distances from the mines, at certain figures. According to the scale of charges it ought to be laid down at Northven for \$4.00. Now either the company is defrauding the country or taking the advantage of a worthless contract, and in either case the government is responsible. If the company is charging more than the contract allows, it becomes the duty of the government to step in and take the part of the people as they are the second parties to the contract, and represent the people. If again the contract is worthless, and the government are powerless to enforce it, as is the case with the N. P. and its Souris extension, they are responsible for malfeasance in office—in giving away \$150,000 of the people's money, without any consideration for it. Why does no Brother Bailey apply to that shining light Mr. H. C. Graham, M. P., and ask him what he is going to do about it? That is the way to talk.

Last Saturday our Reporter paid a visit to this enterprising town and found things "on the boom." Partly owing to the fact that, where some loads having been sold for \$25 a ton, he found, to his hard, a simple that the quarry has a large quantity of and partly due to the Carberry Plains farmers' coming in town paying up their taxes, the town is the best day when for a long time. It is a very busy day, the town is full of people, and the tax is running as well as their business. The town is doing every year prosperity, and it is some months past the time when it is usual to be

Carberry rejoined in two newspapers, the Carberry Express and the News, the former edited by Mr. George Meikle and the latter by Mr. Rogers, both appear to be enterprising gentlemen and their papers add an additional lustre to this little town.

An all important factor to the travelling public is to be found in Carberry in the Western Hotel, owned by Mr. Hunkl. This house is without doubt an unquailed west of Winnipeg and Brandon hotel must keep well to their laurels to hold their own against a landlord so astute as a caterer for the table as the genial and pleasant host of the Western. The Royal is spoken of most highly and Mr. Clark has an excellent reputation as "mine host."

The storekeepers do not appear to be complaining to a very large degree, but a deep hop fully of the future of their town and as far as we were able to judge we came to the conclusion it had not been doomed to the extent of many other places in the province, the bottom of which appears to have been nearly blown out of them. But for a quite enterprising business town it can we are sure hold its own with any other in the province, of its size, if it does not leave them in the shade.

The first note of Tennyson's greatness is his breadth of sympathy and knowledge. His verve mirrors the social and political order of his day, its faith, aspirations, love and heroism, as Milton did that of Puritan England. Nothing is left out. He has not the dramatic quality of self-effacement and impersonality, the power to interpret the life of past ages, that belongs to Shakespeare and Scott, but within its limits his genius covers everything, is absolutely secure of

Secondly, his moral standard is sound and high—not of the “gooey-gooey” or “sensational religious” sort—but clean, manly, wholesome, robust, English. Some critics may declare this quite by the way, but the time has not yet come (nor ever will, I trust, where Shakespeare’s tongue is spoken) for profane and unclean art to rank with the reverent and pure.

In the third place, Tennyson's artistic faculty is certainly of the highest order. "He was an artist before he was a poet," says Mr. Hutton; "in other words, the eye for beauty, grace and harmony of effect was even more emphatically one of his original gifts than the voice for poetic utterance itself." This was why, when he turned to poetry at twenty years, when he was in Tennyson's own words "not yet a true artist," he was "so striven for and so long coming, and in the patient, severe, almost brutal revision of his own work throughout his life. For instance, he was troubled by this couplet from "Mariana" as not true in local color:

"The rusted nails fell from the knots
That held the peach to the garden wall."

So he changed it in later editions to read:

The "botanical accuracy" which Ruskin has so justly noted of Scott belongs pre-eminently to Tennyson in dealing with nature. He has the freshness and delicacy of Herrick and the perfect finish of Keats. As Emerson has said: "Where Nature wants an artist she makes Tennyson."

Last! Tennyson has produced his best work in larger quantity than any English poet since Milton. Wordsworth wrote much, but we have the authority of Matthew Arnold (himself an ardent and avowed Wordsworthian) that "between 1798 and 1808 almost all his really first-class work was produced." Certainly all of Tennyson's first-class work could not be compressed into anything like the space of Mr. Arnold's editions of Wordsworth and Byron. — Arthur K. Woodbury, a January Californian.

The London Times publishes a letter from Max Muller, remarking upon the researches of Prof. Brugsch, to prove that the rule of gold to silver in ancient Egypt was 1 to 12½. D. Brandt has shown, he adds, that in Babylonia the rule was always 1 to 13 1/3.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Queen Victoria was among the first to congratulate the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone on his arrival at an 84-d birthday. Her telegram was warmly greeted in Rome. Hundreds of telegrams and letters have been sent in congratulation of Gladstone and his family, among them Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Higginson. Mr. Gladstone is enjoying good health and is greatly refreshed by his visit to the continent.

Prince Victor Nakachidze, son of Gen. Bagratishvili, Prince of Georgia, has surrendered himself to the police of Nice, as he is ill and starving and wishes to be cared for. He told the police he was an anarchist. He was sentenced to three years imprisonment for his connection with the Paris bomb makers, arrested and convicted in 1889. After serving out his time he was expelled from France. His present disregard of the decree constitutes the offence for which he gave himself up to the police.

The funeral of Detective Synnot, who lost his life in the explosion at Dublin, was well attended by officers and citizens. It was one of the longest funerals held in Dublin for many years. The conversation and conduct of the crowd showed that the dastardly crime by which poor Synnot lost his life was universally deplored. There are no new developments in the case, and to judge from the present outlook the author of the crime will go unpunished.

in London, Dec. 27.—Henry Labouchere, one of the swindlers who procure large preliminary fees from Americans for promised services in looking up claims to immense English estates. The family is composed as the most enterprising and successful swindler of the lot, and is one of those that he not only knows but has met. He is a tall, thin, grey-headed man, with a long, straight nose, and a high forehead. He is a native of London. Felix Howard, of No. 13, University street, London, has been but a little less successful than Moore in the same business. Joseph Ledger, of No. 451 Eighth ave., New York city, is said by Truth to be sending out circulars for the same purposes. Mr. Labouchere expresses the hope that the New York police will try to arrest the clever, but dishonest, persons who are working in collusion with Moore and Howard. The whole affair, he says, is an American swindle, conducted exclusively by Americans, and the wording of the circular letter shows that Truth also warns its readers against the so-called Universities' National Illumination, purporting to be an educational institution of high standing in Chicago, yet selling degrees to British subjects at ten

PAIS, Dec., 31.—The anarchists have decided to join the Socialists, who have been reinforced also by the Blanquist and the Possibilists and the Boulangist leaders. All four parties held a meeting last night in the Salle St. Leger. The proceedings were conducted with the utmost secrecy. This manifesto was approved and issued to the people of Paris :

"Up! Take to the streets! Forward
Do not trust to the ballot; grapple with
the capitalist; seize the Bourgeoisie
Twist their necks until they die! All in
vain! No change here, brother!"

The Socialist members of the town council have issued an appeal to working men to rise and demand a revision of the constitution. They accuse the deputies of swindling and declare that the Government must be purged by the workingmen of the nation.

SAN FRANCISCO, JAN. 1, 1893.—The old year was closed last night by a terrible tragedy, in which Sydney McCoy, young lawyer, aged 33, lost his life, and Miss Grace King is in an unconscious condition. A party of about fifty friends assembled last night at McCoy's house in Guerrero street to watch the old year out and the new year in. The feature of the evening's entertainment was the production of a short play written by McCoy and performed by amateurs. The plot of the play was the betrayal of a plot of Russian nihilists by one of their number named John Smith. The Russian discover their traitor and

The Nihilists discover their traitor and condemn her to death. They decide by lot who should be the executioner, and they should have felt to the character portrayed by McCoy. Miss King playing the part of traitor. She is given the choice of being killed or stabbing herself, and she chooses the latter alternative. McCoy handed her a stout dagger, which had been in his family for many years. In the play the girl instead of killing herself was to stab her executioner, and as Miss King received the knife she reached forward to touch McCoy on the breast with the knife. At the same instant McCoy started towards the girl, when she stumbled, and falling forward, dropped the dagger. Her hand dropped through McCoy's heart. McCoy showed wonderful vitality and presence of mind. He walked into the next room and asked for a doctor and then fell dead.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The authorities appear to be so strongly convinced that the Dublin explosion by which Detective Synnott lost his life was part of the work of a band of conspirators, that they have sent a detective to Biarritz to keep guard over Mr. Gladstone and protect him from outrage. Mr. Gladstone has not been made aware of the precaution taken, as it is known he would resent any protection of the kind should he be aware of it. Home Secretary A.QUITHE also protested, when he grew out of public, by a detective to a civilian character who keeps near enough to interfere in the event of an attack on Mr. A.QUITHE. In view of all the precautions taken, the opinion prevails that the authorities are in possession of definite and important information as to the existence of a formidable dynamic conspiracy.

TORONTO, Dec. 29.—The C P R. has notified the grain shippers of the Board of Trade that the grain dealers of Manitoba and the Northwest, complain bitterly the advantage taken of them in who shipments to North Bay for others. Outfit purchasers, and they insist upon something to pay for their losses. The long and short of it is that the grain dealers of the Northwest are not willing to accept the C P R. for their purchases.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. John Caldwell left last week for Jarvis, Ont.

Miss Meredith, of this city, has been paying a visit to Melita.

Mr. Frank Tamblin, of Wawanesa, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. John Colman, of Griswold, has been spending some days in the city with his numerous friends.

Mr. W. H. Hiam, of the Land Office, left last week for his holiday. Mr. Ordle is in charge during Mr. Hiam's absence.

Dr. Bell, of the Lunatic Asylum, returned from his trip last week. He is looking all the better for his brief holiday.

Mr. A. F. Boisseau, of the Grand View Hotel, left on Wednesday last week for Florida, for the benefit of his health.

Mr. Kelly returned from Winnipeg last week. He went down there to attend a meeting of the directors of the Great West Assurance Co.

It is with pleasure we state that the Rev. Mr. Mason has recovered from a recent attack of fever, and that he was able to conduct service on Sunday last.

Miss Lottie Whyte, daughter of Mr. John Whyte, principal of the school at Rapid City, is in town attending the Collegiate Institute. She is the guest of Mrs. Bartlett.

The Academy opened yesterday. A number of new students have been enrolled. The classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings promise to be large and interesting.

Rankin & Co. have lost one of their most popular assistants in Miss Bowler, who has returned to her home in London, Ont. Her many friends will be sorry to hear of her departure.

On Thursday last, Mr. Samuel Reynolds, having attained his 25th birthday, entertained a number of his friends at the "Merchants" with an oyster supper and numerous other good things.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 2nd, the Literary Society of the Academy held a public meeting in the Opera Hall. An excellent programme is in course of preparation, and we hope the affair may prove a success.

The opera "Erminia," the practices for which have been going on lately, have been very satisfactory. As yet, it has not been decided to whom the principal parts will be assigned. This will be set out this week it is believed.

The regular meeting of the Brandon Farmers' Institute will be held next Saturday, when "The Grading of Wheat" will be discussed. This is a subject of vital importance to farmers, and if they are alive to their own interests there will be a large attendance.

The price of wheat has, we are glad to say, advanced two or three cents on the local market, which circumstance is mainly due to the action of the millers, who are liable to run short of milling wheat. This has given great satisfaction not only to the sellers, but to the citizens in general. It is thought probable that a further advance may take place before very long.

St. Matthew's, the Episcopal church, has undergone a complete renovation which has much improved its appearance. The walls have all been painted with a glossy shade of terra cotta, which adds greatly to the look of warmth and comfort. A new carpet has been laid down in the chancel and a railing put across in front of the lectern, which adds to the church's appearance.

Mr. C. Neil McDonald and Mr. Duncan W. Shaw, two of the earliest settlers in Brandon, have formed a partnership and rented offices in the Daly and Caldwell blocks. They are the appointed agents for the London and Canadian Loan Agency of which Sir William Howland, of Toronto, is president. They intend running in connection with the business a fire insurance agency. The new firm has the hearty good wishes of their fellow citizens.

A slight accident occurred in the yards of the C. P. R. here on Friday morning last week. Some shunting was being done early in the morning, and when the engine was backing up, it ran into some cars that had been left, tightly backed up on the side of the tracks. The concussion was so great that a flat car was badly wrecked, some box cars more or less injured, and the smokestack and bell of the engine unhinged. Nobody was hurt, and it is impossible to put the blame on any particular person.

The city schools opened on Wednesday last at 9.30. In the collegiate department there will be a large addition of those taking up the work for second and third class certificates. The Normal will be held in the Central school under the direction of Inspector Maguire. About eighty pupils from Grade VIII will join the public school department. The requirements for a collegiate institute will be fulfilled, and the school will rank as such. As the Government grants to collegiate institutes are much more liberal than to a collegiate department, the city is a response to Brandon will be likely.

There was a large attendance at the Opera Hall on Thursday evening last to hear Mr. Downie's lecture, entitled, "Theosophy Japan." Mr. Downie has a happy manner and is thoroughly at home with his subjects. His magnetic suggestions were very beautiful, and were so realistic that all those who attended had a good knowledge of the habits of the people and of the scenery of that far famed island. Friday evening's lecture was the chief feature of the whole, three, the large audience on usually applauding the different beautiful views as they were placed on the canvas. Mr. Downie's lectures are well worth a second visit.

Mr. James Baker, Postmaster at Brandon Mills, was in town last week.

Mr. N. J. Boyd, M.P., from Carberry, paid a visit to the city last Wednesday.

A sitting of the County Court is being held at the Court House. The docket is a heavy one.

Mr. C. Old, of the Great Northwest Central Railway, returned from Winnipeg last Saturday.

Miss Betty Ross, daughter of Mr. Robert Ross, of Whitewater, is visiting Mr. J. F. Aylesworth on Fifth street.

Mr. E. H. John Macdonald, M.P., has decided to retain his seat in the House of Commons as Winnipeg's representative for another session.

The Messrs. Howey left the city on Wednesday, by the N. P. for a few months' visit with their parents and friends in St. Thomas, Ont.

Mr. H. H. H. of the proprietors of the Merchants' Hotel, left last week, accompanied by his wife and children, to visit friends and relatives at Souris.

Thursday evening, the 2nd of Feb., is the time fixed by the Brandon Academy for their entertainment at the Opera Hall. Mr. Matthews has charge of the musical part of the programme.

The Fire Brigade gave a reception last Monday which was attended by about 400 persons. The "boys" are evidently great favorites with the citizens, and their social was a decided success.

It is reported that Mr. Thomas Scott, on his return to Scotland to endeavor to fix his cattle scheme, will very possibly act as emigration agent for the local government. Should such an appointment be made, it would be a good one.

Hon. T. M. and Mrs. Daly arrived in the city yesterday afternoon, and a large number of Mr. P. R. Jarvis. Though the broken leg is mending nicely, Mr. Daly still has to use crutches, and expects to continue to use them for a month longer. He will return to Ottawa again on Monday. —Stratford Herald.

Mrs. H. H. Hooper's funeral, which took place last Thursday afternoon, was a very large one, the number of carriages that followed the mortal remains of the esteemed lady exceeding those attending any other ceremony of this mournful character that has taken place in Brandon. Showing that the sympathy of the citizens was heart and soul with the bereaved family. The remains were taken to St. Matthew's church, where the Burial Service was read by the Rev. Mr. Arcus.

It is the intention of the ladies of the Baptist church to hold a social in the Foresters' Hall this evening in aid of the poor of the city. Every person who attends is expected to take a pound of something—tea, sugar, bread, or any other useful or appropriate article. The weight, however, is not limited to a pound, for ten pounds will be received with thanks from any one individual, as the winter holds out every prospect of being a hard one, not only for the poor, but also for those moderately well off. This is a praiseworthy undertaking; and it is to be hoped that members of every other denomination will co-operate with those ladies of the Baptist church, who have inaugurated such an excellent scheme.

Perhaps the most brilliant event of the holiday season was the entertainment given in the city by the Bible class of the Methodist church. Messrs. Wilson & Smyth very generously tendered their most spacious furniture warehouse for the occasion. The first floor was used as a cloak room. The second floor, about 55 ft. by 100 ft., was elaborately decorated and brilliantly illuminated. The third floor was used as dining hall, kitchen, etc. It was estimated that fully 800 adults were present during the evening. The time was principally spent in social intercourse and if appearances are to be taken as an indication, it was fully and joyfully enjoyed by the hundreds present. The supper served fully sustained the reputation of the ladies of the church as hosts and accomplished parvies. Capital and excellent instrumental was furnished. The class is to be congratulated on the unexpected success of the anniversary festival.

THE Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION.

The reception at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, on Monday, from 2 to 10 p. m., was very largely attended. The refreshments provided by the ladies were all that could possibly be expected. Music vocal and instrumental was given by many ladies and gentlemen present, and each and all were greatly appreciated. The rooms were beautifully decorated with pictures and evergreens, brought from Winnipeg by the members of this association. Mr. Fleming (real. Sec. de serves unqualified praise for the manner in which the whole programme was conducted; he was ably assisted by many of the members in their hearty welcome to their numerous guests.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

The Methodist church was crowded on Monday of last week, to witness the annual meeting of Sabbath school as held at the church, of that denomination. The affair was very highly enjoyed by all who attended. The singing by the choir was especially fine. Mr. Frank Ross, and the results reflect great credit on the school.

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HOSPITAL NOTES.

The Secretary acknowledges, with thanks, the following donations:—Three pairs of woolen socks from Mrs. Bird, of Cammington Manor; one basket of grapes, dates and toys from Mr. Cooper; goose from Mr. Jenkins; clothing and candies from Mrs. Shillinglaw; 20 loaves of bread and about 2 lbs. of beef from Geo. Wood & Co.

Four patients were discharged and two admitted during the week. There are fifteen patients now in the Hospital, all of whom are doing well.

The Y. M. C. A. kindly presented tickets to the nurses for the lecture given by Mr. Downie.

At present there are four nurses engaged in private cases, three in the city and one at Souris.

DOG RACING.

On New Year's Day the boys of the city celebrated it by having their annual dog races on Princess Avenue. A large concourse of people gathered to witness the sport and some very good races took place, commencing at 10.30. The first race on the programme was a single dog race in which Brown's dog took first prize, there were several other competitors. The second race was for teams; Barker's dogs won easily, they were splendidly trained. The third and last one was for both single harnessed dogs and teams; in this race as in the previous one Barker's dogs were again successful. They tried to get up a trotting race but only one dog was entered who went over the track and took the prize. The boys and their dogs seemed to thoroughly enjoy the sport as also did the on-lookers. A merry and enjoyable morning was spent.

PRESBYTERIAN SABBATH SCHOOL.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Presbyterian Sabbath school was held on Monday evening of last week, and was most successfully carried out.

Mr. W. H. Irwin, the superintendent of the school, took the chair at eight o'clock, when commenced a well arranged programme, a prominent feature of which was that the children performed the whole of it, with the exception of a short address by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Urquhart, and the reading of the annual report by Mr. Shewan.

The Chairman having been asked by some members of the Bible class to call their teacher, Mr. Murray, on the platform before the meeting closed. Upon Mr. Murray going forward, he was presented, on behalf of the Bible class, with a set of books, including a Bible Commentary, Dictionary, etc.

After the singing of the closing chorus by the school, Santa Claus made his appearance as manager of an old-fashioned grist mill, driven by wind. Shortly afterwards ten young men appeared with bags containing No. 1 flour, which they wished ground into flour. This the manager agreed to do, and the grist was sent down the chute to every scholar in the school.

Great credit is to be given to the management of the entertainment. Every one present was more than pleased, and all expressed great delight at the very successful performance.

COAT STEALING CASE.

Jim Stewart was charged before Police Magistrate Todd on Thursday, December 23rd with stealing a fur coat valued at \$36.00 from J. T. Somerville.

Mr. Somerville was sworn. He said he was on duty on the 12th of the month he lost a coat similar to the one on the table. He believes this coat to be his. The chain produce fits the holes in the coat. This chain he found outside of his store. Robert Pratt hack driver, sworn. The prisoner sold me the coat on the corner of 10th street. I do not remember the date but two weeks ago. I gave \$6.00 for it but supposed the coat was worth more. I have not seen the coat since the Chief took it from me the day before yesterday.

On of Kirkcaldy sworn, Mr. Somerville informed me that he had lost a fur coat. Const. Quipps reported to me that Robert Pratt was wearing a coat similar to the one stolen. On inspecting the coat, I found the two holes in the collar. Pratt informed me he had purchased the coat from Stewart. Since Stewart had been under arrest he has made different statements, first, that he knew nothing about it, afterwards, that he got the coat from a man named Jack Gallagher saying he understood the coat had been stolen outside of Brandon or he would not have bought it. He admitted selling coat to Pratt. He asked if there would be any other coat stealing charges preferred against him, if there were not he would take his chances. On this case without a council. The prisoner did not deny that the coat was taken from Somerville's and practically admitted stealing so long as no other charge was made.

The prisoner was asked if he had anything to say but said he not he was committed for trial at the next sittings.

A CITIZEN SLUGGED.

John Baggattini, the fruiter on Main street, Winnipeg, had an encounter with a foot pad who was, doubtless, remembering for some time. He was walking on Victoria street about half-past eight that night, when he met a man whom he accosted with "A Happy New Year." In response Baggattini received a blow over the head, and at the same time was caught by the wrist by the stranger. He was taken to the ground and his pockets attempted to be searched. Baggattini attempted to get the money from the stranger but in his pocket at the time he had only a few cents.

Baggattini called for help, however, and the foot pad, yelling, frightened the foot pad. The matter has been placed in the hands of the police.

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Brandon General Hospital.

THE annual meeting of the Governors of the above institution will be held on Monday, 12th, at 2 p. m., for the election of directors and other business.

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